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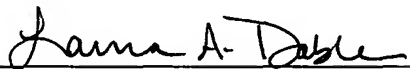
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	2,978,769	4/1/1961	R.E. Harrah			
	3,172,443	3/9/1965	S. Ausnit			
	3,181,583	5/4/1965	D.J. Lingenfelter			
	3,226,787	1/4/1966	S. Ausnit			
	3,371,696	3/5/1968	S. Ausnit			
	3,347,298	10/17/1967	S. Ausnit et al.			
	3,473,589	10/21/1969	W.O. Gotz			
	3,532,571	10/6/1970	S. Ausnit			
	3,784,432	1/8/1974	Noguchi			
	4,046,408	9/6/1977	Ausnit			

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	4,246,288	1/20/1981	Sanborn, Jr.			
	4,290,467	9/22/1981	Schmidt			
	4,354,541	10/19/1982	Tilman			
	4,437,293	3/20/1984	Sanborn, Jr.			
	4,589,145	5/13/1986	Van Erden et al.			
	4,561,109	12/24/1985	Herrington			
	4,601,694	7/22/1986	Ausnit			
	4,617,683	10/14/1986	Christoff			
	4,637,060	1/13/1987	Ausnit			
	4,665,552	5/12/1987	Lems et al.			

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	4,691,373	9/1/1987	Ausnit			
	4,736,451	4/5/1988	Ausnit			
	4,782,951	11/8/1988	Griesbach et al.			
	4,823,961	4/25/1989	Greisbach et al.			
	4,846,586	7/11/1989	Bruno			
	4,896,775	1/30/1990	Boeckmann et al.			
	4,925,316	5/15/1990	Van Erden et al.			
	4,949,527	8/21/1990	Boeckmann et al.			
	4,969,309	11/13/1990	Schwarz et al.			
	4,969,967	11/13/1990	Sorensen et al.			

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	5,005,707	4/9/1991	Hustad et al.			
	5,014,856	5/14/1991	Griesbach et al.			
	5,022,530	6/11/1991	Zieke			
	5,024,537	6/18/1991	Tilman			
	5,026,563	6/25/1991	Van Erden et al.			
	5,036,645	8/6/1991	Schwarz			
	5,050,736	9/24/1991	Griesbach et al.			
	5,063,639	11/12/1991	Boeckmann et al.			
	5,085,031	2/4/1992	McDonald			
	5,107,658	4/28/1992	Hustad et al.			

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	5,116,301	5/26/1992	Robinson et al.			
	5,129,734	7/14/1992	Van Erden			
	5,188,461	2/23/1993	Sorenson			
	5,198,055	3/30/1993	Wirth et al.			
	5,221,144	6/22/1993	Schwarz et al.			
	5,238,306	8/24/1993	Heintz et al.			
	5,366,294	11/22/1994	Wirth et al.			
	5,435,864	7/25/1995	Machacek et al.			
	5,461,845	10/31/1995	Yeager			
	5,519,982	5/28/1996	Herber et al.			
	5,525,363	6/11/1996	Herber et al.			

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		0456277A2	1991	Europe			Yes	

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	5,806,984	9/15/1998	Yeager			
	5,906,438	5/25/1999	Laudenberg			
	Re. 34,554	3/1/1994	Ausnit			

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		0395362	1990	Europe			Yes
		0398731	1990	Europe			Yes
		0457617A1	1991	Europe			Yes
		0513550A2	1992	Europe			Yes
		1,546,433	1979	France			Yes

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	3,103,049	9/10/1963	E.L. Hawley			
	3,203,062	8/31/1965	S. Ausnit			
	3,219,084	11/23/1965	S. Ausnit et al.			
	3,220,076	11/30/1965	S. Ausnit et al.			
	3,426,396	2/11/1969	L.K. Laguerre			
	3,660,875	5/9/1972	Gutman			
	3,713,923	1/30/1973	L.K. Laguerre			
	3,790,992	2/12/1974	Herz			
	3,806,998	4/30/1974	Laguerre			
	4,262,395	4/21/1981	Kosky			

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	5,007,142	4/16/1991	Herrington			
	5,007,143	4/16/1991	Herrington			
	5,010,627	4/30/1991	Herrington et al.			
	5,020,194	6/4/1991	Herrington et al.			
	5,063,644	11/12/1991	Herrington et al.			
	5,067,208	11/26/1991	Herrington, Jr. et al.			
	5,070,583	12/10/1991	Herrington			
	5,088,971	2/18/1992	Herrington			
	5,131,121	7/21/1992	Herrington, Jr. et al.			
	5,161,286	11/10/1992	Herrington, Jr. et al.			

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	5,283,932	2/8/1994	Richardson et al.			
	5,301,394	4/12/1994	Richardson et al.			
	5,301,395	4/12/1994	Richardson et al.			
	5,405,478	4/11/1995	Richardson et al.			
	5,426,830	6/27/1995	Richardson et al.			
	5,431,760	7/11/1995	Donovan			
	5,442,837	8/22/1995	Morgan			
	5,442,838	8/22/1995	Richardson et al.			
	5,448,808	9/12/1995	Gross			
	5,482,375	1/9/1996	Richardson et al.			

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	5,722,128	3/3/1998	Toney et al.			
	5,669,715	9/23/1997	Dobreski et al.			
	5,775,812	7/7/1998	St. Phillips et al.			

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		914,203	1957	Europe			Yes	
		581,864	1958	Italy			No	
		1,168,794	1958	France			No	

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	3,198,228	8/3/1965	Kakuji Naito			
	3,543,343	12/1/1970	K.J. Staller et al.			
	3,625,270	12/7/1971	Milorad Skendzie			
	3,780,781	12/25/1973	Uramoto			
	3,827,472	8/6/1974	Uramoto			
	4,191,230	3/4/1980	Ausnit			
	4,846,585	7/11/1989	Boeckmann et al.			
	4,848,928	7/18/1989	Ausnit			
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	5,211,482	5/18/1993	Tilman			
	5,215,380	6/1/1993	Custer et al.			
	5,456,928	10/10/1995	Hustad et al.			
	5,480,230	1/2/1996	May			
	5,660,479	8/26/1997	May et al.			
	5,713,669	2/3/1998	Thomas et al.			
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	3,001,689	9/26/1961	D.R. Burton			
	3,073,507	1/15/1963	R.J. Trewella et al.			
	3,104,798	9/24/1963	R.K. Stone			
	3,119,549	1/28/1964	W.A. Schoen			
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	4,759,642	7/26/1988	Van Erden et al.			
	5,058,761	10/22/1991	Williams			
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	4,191,230	3/4/1980	Ausnit			
	4,196,030	4/1/1980	Ausnit			
	4,235,653	11/25/1980	Ausnit			
	4,971,454	11/20/1990	Branson et al.			
	4,989,993	2/5/1991	Barnard			
	5,047,002	9/10/1991	Zieke et al.			
	5,059,036	10/22/1991	Richison et al.			
	5,529,394	6/25/1996	Davoren			

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	5,830,118	11/3/1998	Nicholson			
	5,938,337	8/17/1999	Provan et al.			

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			Peel Seal Bags			
	3,595,468	7/27/1971	John P. Repko			
	3,647,485	3/7/1972	Seiferth et al.			
	4,015,771	4/5/1977	Sengewald			
	4,273,815	6/16/1981	Gifford et al.			
	4,786,190	11/22/1988	Van Erden et al.			
	4,925,318	5/15/1990	Sorensen			
	5,024,044	6/18/1991	Friedrich et al.			
	5,077,064	12/31/1991	Hustad et al.			
	5,118,203	6/2/1992	Andronico			
	5,405,629	4/1/1995	Marnocha et al.			

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	5,582,853	12/10/1996	Marnocha et al.			
	5,769,772	6/23/1998	Wiley			

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			Hermetically Sealed			
	3,740,237	6/19/1973	P.E. Grindrod et al.			
	5,345,069	9/6/1994	Grindrod			

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			Tear Strip / Tear Open			
	3,054,551	9/18/1962	H.T. Holbrook et al.			
	3,323,707	6/6/1967	L.H. King			
	3,419,206	12/31/1968	Shozo Omori			
	3,439,468	4/22/1969	E. Bok			
	3,545,161	12/8/1970	Shohei Hoshino et al.			
	3,681,890	8/8/1972	Pringle, Jr. et al.			
	4,795,035	1/3/1989	Kim			
	4,898,280	2/6/1990	Runge			
	5,035,517	7/30/1991	Edelman			
	5,121,997	6/16/1992	La Pierre et al.			

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	5,186,543	2/16/1993	Cochran			

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		2-205559	1990	Japan			No

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			Tamper Evident			
	3,619,395	11/9/1971	Milorad Skendzie			
	3,685,562	8/22/1972	Ausnit			
	4,098,577	7/4/1978	Halpern			
	4,468,811	8/28/1984	Shaw et al.			
	4,483,018	11/13/1984	Whelan			
	4,505,399	3/19/1985	Weiner			
	4,526,752	7/2/1985	Perlman et al.			
	4,532,753	8/6/1985	Kovacs			
	4,557,505	12/10/1985	Schaefer et al.			
	4,653,113	3/24/1987	Taylor			

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	4,709,396	11/24/1987	Voshall et al.			
	4,709,397	11/24/1987	Voshall et al.			
	4,718,553	1/12/1988	Adamoli et al.			
	4,744,674	5/17/1988	Nocek			
	4,749,084	6/7/1988	Pereyra			
	4,786,190	11/22/1988	Van Erden et al.			
	4,832,505	5/23/1989	Ausnit et al.			
	4,834,552	5/30/1989	Makowka			
	4,876,123	10/24/1989	Rivera et al.			
	4,923,309	5/8/1990	Van Erden			
	4,931,327	6/5/1990	Liu et al.			

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	4,966,470	10/30/1990	Thompson et al.			
	4,972,953	11/27/1990	Friedman et al.			
	5,064,664	11/12/1991	Hustad			
	5,103,979	4/14/1992	Hustad			
	5,224,779	7/6/1993	Thompson et al.			
	5,924,795	7/20/1999	Thompson et al.			

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		0302144	1989	Europe			Yes

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			Cutter patents			
	4,358,979	11/16/1982	Kurzbuch			
	4,620,467	11/4/1986	Margraf et al.			

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			Method of Joining Strips to Web			
	3,462,332	8/19/1969	Kanehiko Goto			
	4,101,355	7/18/1978	Ausnit			
	4,372,793	2/8/1983	Herz			
	4,832,768	5/23/1989	Takahashi			
	4,835,835	6/6/1989	Gould			
	5,067,822	11/26/1991	Wirth et al.			
	5,092,684	3/3/1992	Weeks			
	5,273,511	12/28/1993	Boeckman			

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			Form / Fill / Seal Machines			
	2,248,471	7/8/1941	J.H. Stroop			
	3,140,030	7/7/1964	W.A. Stewart			
	3,285,485	11/15/1966	D.T. Slator			
	3,340,679	9/12/1967	K.R. Johnson			
	3,381,592	5/7/1968	L. Ravel			
	3,506,517	4/4/1970	Kakuji Naito			
	3,789,888	2/5/1974	James et al.			
	3,815,317	6/11/1974	Toss			
	3,839,128	10/1/1974	Arai			
	3,889,446	6/17/1975	Simmons et al.			

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	3,942,304	3/9/1976	Hart et al.			
	3,948,705	4/6/1976	Ausnit			
	4,136,505	1/30/1979	Putman, Jr. et al.			
	4,174,597	11/20/1979	Mowli et al.			
	4,235,064	11/25/1980	Wenger			
	4,277,302	7/7/1981	Reid			
	4,288,965	9/15/1981	James			
	4,355,494	10/26/1982	Tilman			
	4,391,081	7/5/1983	Kovacs			
	4,423,585	1/3/1984	Monsees et al.			
	4,501,109	2/26/1985	Monsees			

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	4,620,409	11/4/1986	McElvy			
	4,625,496	12/2/1986	Ausnit			
	4,646,511	3/3/1987	Boeckmann et al.			
	4,663,915	5/12/1987	Van Erden et al.			
	4,676,051	6/30/1987	Hoskinson et al.			
	4,704,842	11/10/1987	Boeckmann et al.			
	4,709,528	12/1/1987	Merkus			
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	4,779,400	10/25/1988	Hoskinson et al.			
	4,790,126	12/13/1988	Boeckmann			
	4,812,074	3/14/1989	Ausnit et al.			
	4,840,012	6/20/1989	Boeckmann			
	4,869,048	9/26/1989	Boeckmann			
	4,876,842	10/31/1989	Ausnit			
	4,884,387	12/5/1989	James			
	4,894,975	11/19/1996	Ausnit			
	4,909,017	3/20/1990	McMahon et al.			

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	4,957,571	9/18/1990	Cipolla			
	4,993,212	2/19/1991	Veoukas			
	5,036,643	8/6/1991	Bodolay			
	5,046,300	9/10/1991	Custer et al.			
	5,092,831	3/3/1992	James et al.			
	5,105,603	4/21/1992	Natterer			
	5,127,208	7/7/1992	Custer et al.			
	5,174,096	12/29/1992	Fukuda			
	5,845,465	12/8/1998	Bennett			
	5,255,497	10/26/1993	Zoromski et al.			

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	5,417,040	5/23/1995	Davoren			
	5,485,712	1/23/1996	Cherney et al.			
	5,564,259	10/15/1996	Stolmeier			
	5,524,420	6/11/1996	Ikuta			
	5,715,656	2/10/1998	Pearce			
	5,852,920	12/29/1998	Linkiewicz			
	5,870,887	2/16/1999	Bennett			
	5,845,466	12/8/1998	Laudenberg			

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		0275396	1988	Europe			Yes

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			Hayssen, Econ-O-Matic, Brochure "Horizontal Form/Fill/Seal Machines" (date unknown)

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	5,542,902	8/6/1996	Richison et al.			
	5,254,073	10/19/1993	Richison et al.			
	5,147,272	9/15/1992	Richison et al.			
	2,761,633	9/4/1956	W. Sindzinski			
	3,579,947	5/25/1971	Mario Kalman			
	3,589,913	6/29/1971	H. Rosenberg			
	3,807,118	4/30/1974	Pike			
	3,834,113	9/10/1974	Howe et al.			
	4,391,079	7/5/1983	Cherney			
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	5,182,825	2/2/1993	Stinson et al.			
	5,716,155	2/10/1998	Yoshida et al.			
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	5,833,791	11/10/1998	Bryniarski et al.			
	5,851,070	12/22/1998	Dobreski et al.			
	5,867,875	2/9/1999	Beck et al.			
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